

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated 16 August 2004, the Examiner places a restriction requirement on claims 1-25 (all pending claims). The Examiner further restricts the claims to one species. In response to the office action, applicants restrict the claims to Group I of claims 1-17 and select a first species of Figure 15 which cover claims 1-17. Applicants also withdraw claims 18-25 from prosecution without prejudice.

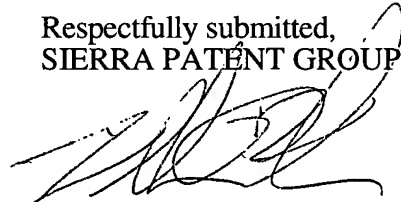
Applicants have selected Group I and Species I for prosecution. Claims 1-17 belong to Species I as the species are showing different methods for growing Ge islands and only claim 4 relates to having islands and does not specify how the islands are produced. All of the other claims are directed to physical characteristics that do not necessarily depend on the production of the islands. Thus, all of claims 1-17 may be included in Species I, Group I.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

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